(c) whether Government have conducted any survey about the economic conditions of these unfortunate widows, if so, what are the. details of the survery;

(d) what steps have Government taken or propose to take to economically and socially rehabilitate the widows who are subject to penury, social isolation and deprivation;

(e) the number of widows (State-wise) who have been granted pension or other benefits; and

(f) on what consideration and at what rate the widows are granted pension and what are the details of other benefits given to them?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Age group-wise number of widows in India on according to 1981 Census is indicated in Statement I *(See* below). Percentage of widows in the age group of over 60 years is indicated in Statement-II *(See* below). The 1991 census data according to age group and marital status is under process.

(c) No, Sir. Ministry of Welfare has not conducted any survey about the economic condition of the widows. However, Central Social Welfare Board under the Department of Women and Child Development, Ministry of HRD, have conducted a survey of widows in Brindavan through the Counsellors of Family Counselling Centres run by Brij Bal Vikas Kendra, Madiura, a voluntary organisation. The survey covered 2500 widows in various Bhajan Ashrams in the following age group.

Age-Group	No. of Widows
20—40	301
40—60	979
60—80	1220
	2500

The widows are mostly from W.B., Nepal etc. The number of widows receiving pension is 131. The main source of livelihood is charity from devotees, ashrams and singing bhajans.

(d) There is no specific scheme partaining to widows that is being implemented by Ministry of Welfare. Ministry has, however, a scheme for the aged which includes both men & women. The Department of Women & Child Development also do not have specific scheme being implemented for widows. However, there are various programmes in the Department of Women & Child Development like training-cum-income generation, socio-economic programme (SEP), support to training and employment programme (STEP) which provide work to needy women in a wide variety of income generating activities both in traditional and non-traditional areas. Further, Department of Women & Child development also have support services such as working women's hostels, short stay homes, etc. for the poor, needy women and women in moral danger which includes widows.

(e) and (f) the information is being collected and would be laid on he Table of the House.

Statement-I

Number of Widows in India as per 1981 Census

Age Group	NO. ol widows
Total Less than 30 yean	634.347
Total 30 to 49	5.583.036
Total 50 to 59	5,939,464
Total 60 and above	13,601,2730

Note: Assam figures not included.

Statement-II

Population of Widows of all ages, number of widows aged 60 years and above and their percentages as per 1981 Census

Total population of widows of all age	Widows 60 yean and above	Percentage of widows 60 years and above of total widows population of all ages
25,767,260	13,601,273	52.79

Note: Assam figures not included.

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THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL):

I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report of the National Capital REgion Planning Board for the year 1992-93, under section 26 of the National Capital Region Planning Board Act, 1985

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India' (Ministry of Urban Development (Ministry of Urban Development) and the National Building Construction Corporation Limited for the year 1994-95, (placed in Library, *See* No. LT. 6237/ 94).

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK)

I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, New Delhi, for the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89, together with the Audit Reprot on the Accounts. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 6251/94)

(ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, New Delhi, for the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 199-92, together with the Audit Reprot on the Accounts. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 6252/94)

(iii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report. (Placed in Library. *See* Ho LT. 6253/94).

(iv) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) and (ii) above. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 6254/ 94).

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON):

I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Govt, of India (Ministry of Water Resources) and the Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Limited for the year 1994-95. (Placed in Library. See No. LT. 6255/94)

(i) Report and Accounts (1992-93) the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and related papers.

(ii) Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Indian Instituting Technology, Delhi and related papers.

(iii) Report and Accounts (1992-93) or the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Calcutta and related papers.

(iv) Report (1991-92) of the National Open School, Delhi and related papers.

(v) Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Regional Engineering College, Anogapur and related papers.

(vi) Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Malaviya Regional Engineering College, Jaipur and related papers.

(vii) Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Regional Engineering College, Ttrucbirappalli and related papers.

(viii) Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Regional Engineering College, Kuruksbetra and related papers.

(ix) Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Regional Engineering College, Hamirpur, H.P. and related papers.

(x) Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Regional Enginering College, Warrangal and related papers.

(xi) Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Maulana Azad College of Technology, Bhopal and related papers.

(xii) Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Sardar VaUabhbhai Regional College of Engineering and Technology, Surat and related Papers.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA):

Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Thirty-third Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. for the year 1992-93. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 6285/84).